

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 20, 22-25, and 27-32 are pending in this application, Claims 23, 27, and 32 having been currently amended. Support for amended Claims 23, 27, and 32 can be found, for example, in the original claims, drawings, and specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

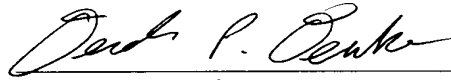
In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 23, 27, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. However, Claims 20, 22-25, and 27-32 were indicated as allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, and in order to obtain early issuance of a patent from the present application, Applicants have amended independent Claims 23, 27, and 32 to correct the informalities noted in the outstanding Office Action. Specifically, Claim 23, line 15, has been amended to recite “a disk” instead of “said disk” to correct an antecedent basis informality. A similar change has been made to independent Claims 27 and 32. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claims 23, 27, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, has been overcome. Accordingly, only claims including allowable subject matter are pending, and no further issues are believed to be outstanding.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 20, 22-25, and 27-32 is earnestly solicited.

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